



By the King.

A Proclamation concerning saving of Fuell, Materials, Labour,
and lessening the great annoyance of Smoake.



Hereas Our well-beloued Subiect Captaine *Thorneff Francke*, humbly presented vnto Us an Ouerture aswell for the saving of all sorts of Fuell throughout Our Dominions, to the great benefit of all Our Subiects, especially Brewers, Dyers, Sope-boylers, Salt-makers, and all others which had or might haue occasion to vse boyling Fornaces, as also for the lessening of that great annoyance of Smoake which is so much obnoxious to Our City of London, and to all other Cities & Townes Corporate: wee in Our Princely disposition graciously inclining to further all worthy Inuentions, especially such as tend so much to the generall good of Our Subiects (and the preuention of the scarcitie and consumption of Fuell, being a matter of no small consequence) did by Our Letters Patents, dated at Westminster the second day of November in the Ninth yeere of Our Reigne, grant to him, his Executors, Administrators and Assignes, full & free liberty, license, power & authority during the tearme of fourteen yeeres then next ensuing, at his or their owne proper costs and charges to vse, practise, and put in ure within Our Dominions the saving of Fuell, and the lessening that great annoyance of Smoake; And to haue & enjoy all such benefit as should or might be raised by making the said workes, or by instructing or licensing others to do the same, inhibiting all others of what estate, degree or condition soeuer, without his or their license to vse or practise such his Inuention within the tearme aforesaid, vnder the penalties and prouisoex therein contained. But neuertheles, the said *Thorneff Francke* hath lately made his humble complaint to the Lords of Our Pruy Councell, That diuers persons without his license make vse of his said Inuention, to the losse of his charges already therein expended and the frustrating of his expectations: For reformation of which injury their Lordships commanded certaine Our Iustices of Peace of Our County of Middlesex, or any two of them, diligently to enquire aswell concerning the injury pretended, as what likelihood appeared that the same Inuention might sort with the proposition made vnto Us.

And accordingly Our welbelov'd Subjects, Sir Henry Spiller Knight, and Lawrence Whittaker Esquire, have humbly certified, That they have view'd the said worke and Invention, and have made stay of such persons indeavourers, as have encroached vpon his Priviledge. And that vpon conference had with such Writers as have made vse of the said Invention, they doe ingenuously confesse that it is beneficiall to them severall wayes.

First, in expence of Fuell, for that they save a third part thereof at the least.

Secondly, that the charge of Iron heretofore expended in supporting the Fornace, is saved three parts in foure.

Thirdly, in their labour, whereas before they brew'd but thrice in a weeke, they now are able to brew five times.

And lastly, to the Publique, the offence by smoake arising from the Funnelles of their new Invention, is not the one halfe of that which comes from the old Fornaces.

Since therefore experience hath iustified the vse of the same Invention to be so greatly beneficiall and aduantageous to Our Reale Publique, wee doe hereby strictly forbid all Our Subjects Whomsoever, or other person or persons, inhabiting or residing within Our Dominions, to presume to put in execution, or intrench vpon any part of Our said Subjects Invention, without his speciall Licence first had and obtained vnder his hand and seale, vpon paine of Our iust indignation and displeasure.

And also for his further encouragement, wee haue thought it fit hereby so farre to take notice of so acceptable a service, as to publish the same to all Our louing Subjects, whereby they may not be ignorant of the benefit that may redound to them by the vse thereof, vpon such reasonable satisfaction to be by them yeelded to Our said Subject, as may make reparation for his observations, travells, experiments, labours, and expences.

And wee doe hereby straightly charge and command, all Maiors, Sheriffes, Iustices of Peace, Bayliffes, Constables, Headboroughs, and other Our Officers, Ministers, and Subjects of Us, Our Heires and Successors, that they and every of them be helping and assisting to the said Thorneffe Francke, his Executors, Administrators, Deputies, and Assignes in all things according to Our Will and Pleasure, during the terme in Our said Letters Patents expressed.

Giuen at Our Court at Greenwich this twenty fift day of Iune, in the tenth yeere of Our Reigne.

God saue the King.

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